

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 14-22, 24, 25, 28-58, and 65-91 are pending in the present application.

Claims 12 and 26 are canceled by the above amendments.

Claims 1, 14, 15, 17-19, 28, 29, 49, 55, 67, and 68 are amended.

Claims 82-91 are new.

Claims 1, 10, 19, 24, 31, 32, 40, 41, 46, 49, 55, 65, 66, 69, 70, 75, 76, 78, and 79 are independent claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding claim rejections in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has indicated that claims 10, 11, 24, 25, 31-48, and 65-81 are allowed. Applicant further acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 8, 15, 16, 18, 29, 30, 54, 67, and 68 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of their respective base claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 15, 67, and 68 were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(a).

As to claim 15, the Examiner states that the language "information from the supplementary information stored in a database beforehand" should be edited and inserted earlier. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 15 has been amended above to address the Examiner's concern. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

As to claim 67, the Examiner asserts that grammatical corrections should be made. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 67 has been amended to improve the grammar. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

As to claim 68, the Examiner asserts that the language is confusing and needs correction. Applicant submits that clarifying amendments have been made to claim 68. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7, 17, 19-22, 49-51, and 55-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art (hereinafter APA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,689,326 to Yamada et al. (hereinafter Yamada). This rejection, insofar

as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

In the Office Action of October 28, 2003, the Examiner had indicated that dependent claims 13 and 27 contained allowable subject matter. Thus, in the Reply of January 28, 2003, Applicant made an effort to expedite prosecution by amending independent claims 1 and 49 to include features similar to those claim 13. Applicant also amended independent claims 19 and 55 to include features similar to those in claim 27, in order to expedite prosecution.

However, in the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has apparently reversed his position regarding the patentability of the added subject matter in claims 1, 19, 49, and 55. Specifically, the Examiner issued this new ground of rejection under § 103 and, thus, made the Office Action non-final. Accordingly, Applicant has removed this subject matter from claims 1, 19, 49, and 55.

Applicant has further amended claims 1, 19, 49, and 55 to recite that the captured supplementary information is searched and selected from the supplementary information previously stored in a database, using at least part of the captured photographing information. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add any new subject matter to the

present application. These amendments are fully supported in the originally filed application, *inter alia*, in claims 15 and 29.

Applicant respectfully submits that APA and Yamada, either taken separately or in combination with one another, fail to disclose the feature mentioned above.

In page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Yamada discloses capturing photographing information and supplementary information, citing column 8, line 67 to column 9, line 9. The cited portion of Yamada describes the operation of a magnetic head 17, which reads information magnetically recorded on the film 2 (i.e., in the film's magnetic records 2a). Thus, the Examiner apparently interprets the information read from the magnetic records 2a of the film as both the claimed photographing information and supplementary information captured by a camera.

However, as stated above, claims 1, 19, 49, and 55 now recite that the captured supplementary information be selected from the information stored in a database. Yamada fails to disclose this feature. Thus, the claimed supplementary information simply does not read on Yamada's information, which is magnetically read from the film. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that APA fails to provide any teaching or suggestion to remedy this deficiency in Yamada. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the

combination of APA and Yamada fails to provide a teaching or suggestion of each and every claimed feature.

At least for the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 19, 49, and 55 are allowable over the cited prior art. It is further submitted that claims 2-7, 17, 20-22, 50, 51, 56, and 57 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on these independent claims. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claims 14 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over APA and Yamada, and further in view of Japanese Patent Document No. JP 8-240854 to Fukutani et al. (hereinafter Fukutani). Applicant respectfully submits that Fukutani fails to remedy the deficiencies of APA and Yamada as set forth above in connection with independent claims 1 and 19. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 14 and 28 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1 and 19. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

New Claims

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 82-91 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on allowable claims. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that these new claims do not add any new matter to the present application. The subject matter of these claims is fully supported in the originally filed application, *inter alia*, in original dependent claims 9-13 and 23-27.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claim rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance in connection with the present application.

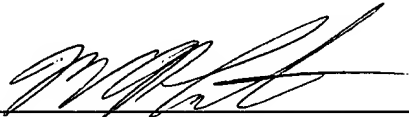
Should the Examiner believe that any outstanding matters remain in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of the undersigned in order to conduct an interview in connection with the present application.


Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application. The required fee of \$980.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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